

## **BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of the Suspension )

or Revocation of the Educator )

Certificate of Carl W. Deal )

Certificate 221000 )

### **ORDER OF REVOCATION**

### **SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on January 11, 2006. On December 14 and 15, 2005, the Office of Educator Certification sent Carl W. Deal a notice of his right to a hearing regarding the possible revocation of his South Carolina educator certificate by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Mr. Deal received the notices, as evidenced by signed postal receipts. Mr. Deal did not request a hearing within the time frame specified in the notice letters. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to revoke Mr. Deal's certificate.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

Mr. Deal holds a valid South Carolina certificate, as well as an Arkansas certificate, where he previously taught for over eleven years. Mr. Deal applied for and received a South Carolina Educator Certificate in 2004, and began employment in 2005 as a Chorus Instructor at Timberland High School in the Berkeley County School District (District). Mr. Deal resigned from the District on October 20, 2005, after the District was alerted by the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office that Mr. Deal was to register in South Carolina as a sex offender due to a 1989 conviction in Arkansas on several counts of indecent exposure. The Department subsequently learned that Mr. Deal's criminal record reflects a

number of arrests, the 1989 conviction referenced above, and a 1997 conviction in Missouri on the charge of second-degree sexual misconduct. The Department also determined that Mr. Deal had indicated on his application for South Carolina certification that he had never been arrested or convicted of a crime and that Mr. Deal had indicated on his application for employment with the District that he had never been convicted of a crime.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The State Board may revoke the certificate of any person for just cause; just cause includes unprofessional conduct, immorality, evident unfitness to teach and crime against the law of this State or the United States. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-25-150 and 160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is sufficient information to support a conclusion that just cause exists to revoke Mr. Deal's South Carolina certificate. Should Mr. Deal ever wish to reapply for certification in South Carolina, he may not do so until after January 12, 2009. To be eligible for certification at that time, Mr. Deal must meet all current certification requirements and he must submit to a character and fitness review by the State Board.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Joe Isaac  
Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina  
January 11, 2006